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THE LOUISIANA CASE.

A War of Words Between Wells and Representative Field.

Witness Declines to Answer Certain Questions While in Duress.

He Will Protect Himself in His Rights as a Citizen.

WASHINGTON, February 6.—The following is a continuation of the testimony of Gov. Wells—commencing where it was cut off yesterday:

The Letter to Senator West.

Cross-examined by Mr. Field—Q.—Was your letter to Senator West dictated by any body? A.—Nobody, sir.

Q.—Was it suggested to you by any body? It was not, sir.

Mr. Field—Look at it, if you please, and direct your attention to the first paragraph: "I regret much not seeing you when here. I want to say much to you which would be at least imprudent to put on paper." What was it that you wish to say which would be imprudent to put on paper? A.—Nothing pertaining to the subject matter before this committee.

Q.—What was it? A.—It was this: I was afraid of Senator West, and I was desirous to have him re-elected, and there was a combination of my own party to defeat him, and I did not propose to insert in that letter the names of parties who were opposed to him.

Q.—And that paragraph had reference solely—

Gov. Wells, interrupting—Solely!

Mr. Field—You had better hear my question, unless you can divine my innermost thoughts.

Witness—Go on, sir, I do not want to bother your thoughts. Go right ahead. (Laughter.)

Q.—Your first paragraph, then, had relation to nothing but West's election? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Our returning officers have augmented to the magnitude of the destiny of the two great parties; may I not say the nation?" What did you mean by that? A.—I meant that the Presidential election hinged upon the election in Indiana.

Mr. Field here made an inquiry of the stenographer. The witness interrupted, upon which Mr. Field reprimanded him.

Witness—I have a right to speak in defence of myself.

Chairman, to witness—Keep cool. Wells—Well, protect me, or I will protect myself, and that very quick.

The Witness Protects Himself.

Witness—Mr. Chairman, I am not a lawyer, and I do not wish a gentleman to ask for me what I did not want to say myself. I am no sharp practitioner, and I want no sharp practice upon me by this committee. I ask to be protected, and (excitedly) if the committee does not protect me, I will protect myself.

Chairman—Just answer the question. Do you mean by that answer which you gave awhile ago that the election hinged upon the result in Louisiana was true, or not? A.—I mean that the result of the Presidential election hinged upon Louisiana with the other Southern States.

Q.—Which others? A.—Florida is one, sir, and at that time South Carolina was one also.

Q.—Then, when you said in your letter "Our duties as returning officers have augmented to the magnitude of the destiny of the two great parties—may I not say the nation?" did you mean that "the destiny of the two great parties"—The witness (interrupting)—Stop, sir; do not put your meaning upon what I write.

Chairman—Witness, you must not interrupt the examiner. Just answer his questions, and if you object to any one of them, ask the committee if you are obliged to answer.

Q.—Did you mean that the destiny of the nation or of the two great parties depended upon anything more than the honest discharge of your duties as returning officers?

A.—As a matter of course I did not.

Q.—[Reading]—"I fully comprehend the situation." What did you mean by that? A.—I meant the political situation of the country; of the importance of it; the distracted condition in which the people were in regard to the contest then pending, which was not over even after the vote was over. The people were excited upon it.

Q.—Do you mean to say that the importance of that affected in any way the honest discharge of your duties? A.—I did not, sir.

Q.—You also say here, "As well as my duty to the greatest living General, U. S. Grant." What duty had you as returning officer to Gen. Grant? A.—From the simple fact that he had invited gentlemen to go down there and see whether this count was going to be fair or not. It was a duty to him as the head of the nation, sending those gentlemen down; it was a duty, to be sure, that I owed to General Grant as well as to the people whose head he was.

The Reference to Gen. Grant.

Q.—Do you mean to say that your duty to General Grant was any greater than your duty?—Witness(interrupting)—Not at all.

Another sharp colloquy ensued here between the witness and Mr. Field, in which the former said he would only answer such questions as were proper to be put.

Field—Now, do you mean to say that your duty to General Grant was any greater than your duty to the nation? A.—No, sir, I do not.

Q.—Or any greater than your duty to the people of Louisiana? A.—No, sir, nor greater than to any individual voter.

Q.—I read further from this letter: "And not with my consent shall this oppressed people be governed by his paroled prisoners, aided by their white-livered cowards of the North." What had that to do with your duties as honest members of the Returning Board? A.—It has a good deal to do with it.

Q.—Explain it? A.—The condition of our country is very different from that here. The people are forced with the bullet; the ballot is swapped for the bullet, and I determined, wherever it was done, that it should not be tolerated if I had a vote in the matter. I said there "this paroled prisoners;" by that I mean that the Confederate soldiers, together with their associates, should not control the destiny of the oppressed people by violence and intimidation; that is my answer.

Q.—But what had it to do with your duties as a member of the Returning Board? A.—Well, this was merely writing a letter, and these ideas going in as a matter of course transmitted to paper.

Q.—That is to say, your ideas of your duty to General Grant and to the nation came in indirect and proper connection with your declaration that you would not consent that this oppressed people should be governed by his paroled prisoners? A.—I have answered that.

Q.—What had that to do with your making an honest count of the votes? A.—It had nothing to do with an honest count.

Q.—Then why were the two things brought into connection in this way? Why did you speak of your consent in this letter? A.—That I would not approve anything that I conceived to be illegal or improper.

Q.—Had any such thing been proposed? A.—I anticipated it, sir.

A Democrat Offers a Bribe.

Q.—Never mind anticipating; had any such thing been proposed? A.—By the Honorable Duncan F. Kenner, a very wealthy gentleman in the State of Louisiana.

Q.—What did he propose? A.—He proposed to give me $200,000 to change the vote for Mr. Tilden. He made the proposition in his own office, on Sunday, the 15th of November, between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning.

Q.—After the Board had began to canvass? A.—The Board didn't begin to canvass until the 20th; this was the 19th.

Q.—It was in consequence of that offer that you wrote to Senator West that never with your consent should the State be delivered over to the "Paroled prisoners"? A.—If it had been done by purchase.

Q.—You didn't add that? A.—No, but I add it now, because it incidentally comes in.

Q.—It was in consequence of a bribe offered to you that you wrote in this letter to Senator West that the State of Louisiana should never, with your consent, be delivered to the patroled prisoners, was it? A.—No; it was in this way, that I never would consent that by bribery, which was an illegal act, these parties should control the State. I knew positively that the Republicans were about fifteen thousand stronger, and that the only way the State could be controlled by the other side was through money.

Q.—You had this intimation or offer from Mr. Kenner? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Was that the reason why you said that you would not consent to deliver over Louisiana to the paroled prisoners? A.—My reason, sir.

Mr. Field—Can't you answer me? The witness (emphatically)—No, I won't do it.

Mr. Field—You won't do it? Witness—I won't do it. I will answer it my own way. You will have it my way, or you won't get it at all.

Mr. Field—Well, give it your own way. Witness—Very well; my meaning was, as I stated a while ago, that if the election was fairly conducted and there was no bribery, no intimidation and no frauds, then I had no objection to either party controlling it.

Q.—Had there been any proposition in your board that there should be any but a legitimate count? A.—Certainly not; but when a proposal was made to buy the count with money, there was illegitimacy there.

Q.—That is to say, you thought that though you could not be bribed, your associates might? A.—No, sir.

A Home Thrust.

Q.—I want to get at your meaning. What was the danger so long as the result depended upon you four honest men counting the vote? A.—I don't say that any of the board might be bribed, but I don't know what influence money would have; you know it better than I do, because all New York politicians know exactly how the city of New York is carried, and it is carried generally by money.

Q.—Then you thought that the New York way of dealing with elections would be followed in Louisiana? A.—Exactly, sir.

Q.—Had you any distrust of either of your associates on the board? A.—I had not, sir; I believe them to be all honest and honorable men; but I don't know how far money would go with any body. It is said that all men have their price, and I didn't know whether my friends and associates on the board had their price or not.

Q.—You say further in this letter: "Let me, sir, warn you of the danger." What was that danger which you were warning them against? A.—There was said to be an immense quantity of money that had been sent there for the purpose of influencing the election, and furthermore, the people were very much exasperated, and it was rumored with some semblance of truth that the people would rise, and with this influence of money would do bodily harm to the returning officers, and would destroy the returns, and I wanted prompt action by the Government for our protection by the military, and to assure the people of Louisiana who were crushed and murdered every day that the Government was going to protect them from any further harm.

Q.—Was there not great excitement among the people of Louisiana generally over the canvass of the votes? A.—There was great excitement in the city of New Orleans, but that is not the State.

Q.—Do you say that that was caused by money? A.—The desire to obtain money and office. The loafers would excite the good people in order to get them into power.

Q.—Did not the people of Louisiana feel that the lawful vote of the State was in danger of being taken from them by fraudulent canvassing and counting? A.—Not the people. A minority of the people who had attempted to take the vote of Louisiana by violence were offended, and feared the result of their violence.

The Use of the Money.

Q.—You say "millions have been sent here." Who told you that? A.—That was common rumor on the streets. I cannot designate an individual.

Q.—You supposed, when you said that millions had been sent there, that the millions had been sent to influence your Returning Board? A.—You may say it, but I don't.

Q.—Can you tell us whose influence was to be affected by millions of money? A.—Some Republicans, of course.

Q.—On what board or in what office? A.—I don't say upon the board, but to change the result in some manner, shape or form.

Q.—How could it change except by acting through your board? A.—In the event of the vote of the State being cast for Hayes would it not give an opportunity for them to tamper with some one, and would not that money give opportunity for mobs to destroy papers and assassinate the board? In 1876 there was an assassin sent to assassinate me and he sat by my side, and I had him rushed out of the room, and Democratic lawyers, when I had him turned out by the police officer, pursued him and said, "Let us protect him," and Zacharia is one of the gentlemen that made that explanation.

Gov. Wells was then shown the returns from Verona parish and the transposition of figures. He denied, however, any knowledge as to how or where or when it was done.

WASHINGTON, February 6.—The committee on the powers, privileges and duties of the House in counting the electoral vote this morning recalled Gov. Wells, and his cross-examination was continued. Mr. Field, asked witness whether just before he left New Orleans he had a discussion with A. J. Barrett, a member of the Packard Legislature, about the action of the Returning Board, and replied he had not.

Question—Was anything said by him as to having an interview with Gov. Nicholls? Answer—Yes.

An Infamous Lie.

Q.—Did you say in the course of your conversation with Barrett that you had determined to make a statement to Nicholls? A.—It is a most infamous lie.

Q.—Do you mean to say the question is an infamous lie. A.—I say the substance of the question is a lie.

Q.—If you would answer my question in a way a witness should answer it would be better. A.—I will not ask your advice as to how I should answer a question.

The Chairman—You must answer in response to a question. This is not a place for personal explanations. A.—I can defend myself elsewhere.

Q.—Did you state you had determined to make a statement to Governor Nichols? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you say anything about the intervention of J. P. Kennedy? A.—I did not, sir. Mr. Barrett had asked me whether I would have an interview with Nicholls. I replied I would, as Governor Nicholls was a gentleman. Barrett made explanations in the Legislature refuting the false charges against me.

Witness, in further response to questions, said he had a conversation with J. P. Kennedy, who asked him whether he had any objections to an interview with Governor Nicholls, and he replied in language similar to that in his conversation with Barrett. Kennedy suggested the interview with Nicholls about State matters. Both Barrett and Kennedy were his political friends.

Q.—Did you not state that you would make a clear breast of it? A.—It is a most infamous lie.

Q.—Do you mean that you never said to anybody you conversed with, you intended to make a clean breast of it? A.—Nothing of the kind.

Mr. Field read a letter dated New Orleans, January 14, 1877, and signed by Gov. Wells, as follows:

"I am quite unwell, too much so to fill our engagement to-day. Will inform you to-morrow relative to its fulfillment."

Witness said he wrote that note, and Kennedy was to have been present at the proposed interview with Gov. Nicholls.

Witness was asked whether he did not an hour after he sent the above note send another marked "confidential," as follows:

"DEAR SIR—After our friend Barrett had left our room there was placed in my hands matters requiring my absence from New Orleans."

Witness said he expected to be back in a few days, and then related that he had been summoned to Washington.

The Louisiana Vote.

Mr. Ford asked an explanation of the manner of proceeding to canvass the vote in Louisiana. Witness said on Saturday he had sent a note to the committee, asking to be heard only with reference to Maddox and Vernon parish, and declined not intend to throw away his rights as an American citizen and be forced to answer questions on other subjects. He desired to answer no other questions whatever until the House should relieve him from the charge of contempt of its authority. When thus relieved he would feel free to answer.

The chairman reminded witness that if he thus persisted he would again be in contempt, and such would be the opinion of the committee and the public.

Mr. Field followed this reminder by asking a number of questions regarding irregularities, forged affidavits, adding votes to Hayes, and taking votes from Tilden, but witness was obdurate, only responding, "I decline to answer."

Wells' Letter to Maddox.

Mr. Field called the attention of witness to the note which he addressed to Maddox on the 29th of November, as follows:

"You fully understand the situation. Cannot you advise with me relative thereto?"

Mr. Field asked why he wrote this note to Maddox? A.—It was intended to be shown to the President and other Republican friends that Maddox might have entree to such friends to explain the political condition in Louisiana, Maddox being a public officer and having been sent to Louisiana for the purpose. Witness also sent by Maddox a letter to the President on the same subject, drawing his attention to the fact of the exasperated condition of the people of the State, so that he might be prepared to arrest any movement militating against the Returning Board and prevent any destruction of papers.

By Mr. Field—You have stated that you never altered a return or destroyed a paper? A.—I decline to answer the question.

Wants His Liberty.

Witness declined to answer any question concerning the action of the board until the House gave him his liberty and relieved him of his disability. He wanted to know whether he was the peer of any member of the committee, or a vassal.

Mr. Knott reminded him that the obligation of his oath required witness to answer every question put to him, unless such answer would criminate him.

Mr. Wells said there was no question he might answer which would subject him to prosecution, but he reserved his constru-tion as to what were his rights, and the committee had no right to question him when he was in duress.

Q.—Did you take part in any conspiracy to give the State to Tilden? A.—Are you through?

Mr. Field—Mr. Stenographer, read him the question.

The stenographer read it.

Mr. Wells—Is that the finish of your question?

Mr. Tucker—This is trifling.

The Chairman—Oh, Mr. Wells, answer the question or decline to answer.

Mr. Wells—Can I say a word?

The Chairman—Not now.

Witness—I do not know whether I am a vassal or a peer. If a peer, I should like to know it. If I am a vassal, I am forced as a servant to answer your question.

The Chairman—I wish in the kindest spirit to bring to your attention the attitude you occupy.

Witness—There is no gentleman to whom I would listen with more attention than yourself, but I must consider my duty.

The Chairman—I merely wished to remind you that having sworn to tell the truth, you must answer.

Witness—I will fully, whenever relieved of the disability imposed by the House which holds me in duress.

Mr. Lawrence asked witness whether he declined to answer because he feared he might render himself liable to criminal prosecution.

Witness replied that he did not.

Mr. Field—Will you explain what position you occupy.

Witness—Am I a vassal or a peer?

The Chairman—That has nothing to do with your position. You are under obligation to answer every question, excepting, of course, such as might tend to criminate you.

Witness—I reserve to myself the construction of my rights, and the committee have no power to force me to answer questions whilst I am under sentence of the House.

Rejection of Votes.

Mr. Field—You rejected 10,000 votes and upward. Were they rejected for any cause other than alleged intimidation?

Witness—I decline to answer.

Q.—Did you not know that the rejection of 10,000 votes was part of a conspiracy to give the electoral vote to the party not entitled to it? A.—I leave that for yourself to answer.

Q.—Did you take part in any such conspiracy? A.—Does that conclude your question?

The Chairman—Oh, answer the question, or not.

Mr. Tucker—We will take a vote to see if such conduct on the part of witness should be tolerated in the commission.

The Chairman—The question is whether the commission will require witness to answer.

Mr. Tucker—The sentence of reprobation should be put on witness for not answering.

Witness—Then I am a vassal.

The Chairman—Keep order, sir.

Mr. Seelye remarked that it was unanimously decided this morning, so far as the authority of the committee went, that witness should answer the questions.

Messrs. Lawrence and Burchard concurred with Prof. Seelye.

Mr. Field to the Chairman—Is it not a case of contempt and misdemeanor under the laws of the District of Columbia for a witness to refuse to answer questions propounded by a committee?

The Chairman—It is.

Mr. Field—Witness is contumacious in the highest degree.

Mr. Field then exhibited to witness a statement showing the number of votes rejected in the several parishes attested by Abbell, Secretary of the Returning Board.

Objection was made to this paper.

The question being taken, the objection was overruled by a strict party vote. The statement showed that the board rejected 1,763 Kellogg and 10,280 McEnery electoral votes. Another paper was exhibited to witness, also attested by Abbell, showing that the supervisors of registration returned 76,717 Kellogg and 80,515 McEnery electoral votes; also a certificate of the Returning Board certifying to the election of the Kellogg electors, and that they received 75,135 votes, and that the McEnery electors received 70,508 votes.

Vernon Parish.

Mr. Lawrence asked witness whether if the returns from Vernon parish, as compared with the tabulated statement, were different from the original returns? If it done with his knowledge or approbation?

Witness replied that it was not, nor had he knowledge that it was done with the approbation of any other member of the board, and he also denied the truth of Littlefield's statement that he directed the returns to be altered so as to elect Hunter and Andrews Judge and District Attorney. They were his personal, but not political friends.

Mr. Field interrogated witness about papers the former had exhibited, but witness declined to answer.

Q.—Because you are under duress are you unwilling to tell the truth? Witness—I am never unwilling to tell the truth.

Q.—Then why do you not answer? A.—When the contempt is removed I will answer, but not till then.

Q.—You were asked just now whether you threw out votes for reasons which were founded on evidence satisfactory to yourself. Will you answer? A.—That embraces the whole question, and I therefore decline.

Q.—Will you answer? A.—I tell you I decline.

Q.—Are you not willing to testify whether your board threw out 10,000 and odd votes, honestly or dishonestly? A.—I am willing when relieved from the contempt of the House.

Q.—Are you willing to do so now? A.—I cannot answer the question until relieved from such contempt.

Q.—Are you now willing to answer the question whether in throwing out 10,000 and odd votes your board acted honestly or dishonestly? A.—We acted in conformity with law.

Why Votes Were Thrown Out.

Q.—In throwing out votes? A.—We threw them out for fraud, intimidation and violence at the polls.

Q.—Were any thrown out because of irregularities? A.—I think Grant parish was excluded.

Q.—Any except that? A.—I think not.

Q.—Was there a single objection to the votes on the ground that they were not actually cast? A.—None.

Q.—Then they must have been thrown out on the ground of intimidation? A.—Men were forced to vote contrary to their wishes.

Q.—Had you any witnesses before your board to prove that any particular voters were induced to vote contrary to their wishes? A.—It was impossible to have oral testimony. The board adopted a rule that testimony should be taken by both parties.

Q.—Did the voters themselves testify that they voted under compulsion? Was such evidence furnished to you? A.—I think so.

Q.—Will you say that proof was presented that several different voters had voted under compulsion, contrary to their judgment? A.—I do not know how many. Think there was evidence of the fact. There may be one hundred or more who said they were forced to vote contrary to their wishes.

In the further examination witness said no votes were rejected except in consequence of intimidation, and among other things Mr. Field called the attention of witness to the fact that it appeared that in the parish of Concordia, Josephs, one of the Republican electors, received 1,950 votes, while the certificate of the Returning Board credited him with 2,638 votes.

Mr. Wells replied that it was in evidence that a troop of horsemen seized the ballot-box from the commissioners of election, who made up the vote from their count and sent them in.

Mr. Field asked witness whether he did not say before Morrison's committee that this happened in Madison.

Witness said yes, and something of the kind in Concordia also.

Mr. Field called the attention of witness to the fact that while the board by throwing out 10,000 votes cast for Tilden electors gave the electoral vote for Hayes, witness omitted to account for their act of thus giving the latter three or four thousand majority.

In response to a question by Mr. Lawrence, witness said the board gave to Hayes only such votes as he was entitled to receive, that they took no votes from the Democrats contrary to law.

Adjourned.

The Bribery Question.

WASHINGTON, February 6.—The following correspondence took place yesterday:

WASHINGTON, February 5, 1877.

Duncan T. Kenner, New Orleans:

Wells testified to-day that you offered $200,000 to change the vote for Tilden.

E. A. BURKE.

NEW ORLEANS, February 5, 1877.

E. A. Burke, Washington:

Had Wells stated the truth he should have said he (Wells) asked for $200,000 to count the vote of Louisiana as actually cast in the ballot boxes. I replied I did not have the money. If deemed necessary I can come to Washington.

D. T. KENNER.

Littlefield's Story Again.

WASHINGTON, February 6.—Chas. Abel, Secretary of the Louisiana Returning Board, testified to-day that Littlefield was made a clerk to the Returning Board—he (Abel) recommending him at the request of Littlefield. Witness said there were no returns from the commissioners from Vernon parish, but a consolidated return from the supervisor. Littlefield told witness he had destroyed the returns from Vernon parish. The transfer of the polls 2 and 9 would have had no effect upon the election of any candidate. The first returns showed Democratic majorities, but all the returns had not then been received. There was no statement made before the board that any of the original papers of Vernon parish had been destroyed.

Judge Davis, chief clerk, corroborated this testimony.

THE STATE CAPITAL,

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, PA., February 6, 1877.

SENATE.

The Senate met at eight o'clock.

Final Adjournment.

The House resolution referring to final adjournment on March 15 was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions.

A large number of petitions favoring the passage of a local option law were presented.

By Mr. CORBETT, authorizing gas and water companies to borrow money and issue bonds.

By Mr. NEWMEYER, for Mr. Gazzam, an act authorizing the congregation of the First Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh to make a change in its cemetery.

Appointments.

A communication was received from the Governor appointing Robert H. Davis and Geo. A. Kelly inspectors of the Western Penitentiary, and Joseph Buffington Notary Public at Kittanning. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The House met at precisely 10 o'clock.

Bills Reported.

The following bills were reported favorably:

Referring to the fees of the Sheriff and Prothonotary of Armstrong county.

An act providing the manner of election and term of service of members of the Central Board of Education in cities of the second class.

Providing for their election every three years.

Repealing the Salt Lick township (Fayette county) road law.

Increasing the pensions of soldiers of 1812.

Fixing the time of holding elections for officers of cities, wards, boroughs, townships, independent school districts or municipalities.

Providing for the payment of school teachers while attending their respective county meetings.

Bills Introduced.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. GRAHAM, an act to establish an intermediate prison in connection with the Western Penitentiary, to be known as the Riverside Intermediate Prison.

By Mr. BILLINGSLEY, an act to regulate tolls of navigation companies. This bill has special reference to the Monongahela Slack Water Navigation Company.

Petition.

Mr. LONG presented a petition of refiners and citizens of Allegheny county favoring the bill designed for the protection of life and property from oil explosions.

Bills on Third Reading.

The following bills on third reading or final passage were considered, when one, the act to authorize the clerks of the Orphans' Court, Court of Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer to take bail, and approve of bonds in certain cases, was passed; two lost and two laid over.

No Reduction.

Communications were received from the State Librarian and Superintendent of Public Instruction, saying that the clerical force in their departments could not be reduced. Adjourned.

The Penitentiary Bill.

Mayor Phillips, George A. Kelly and T. H. Nevin appeared before the Appropriation Committee this afternoon in the interest of the Penitentiary bill. They ask for $75,000 to begin with.

The Pardon Board was in session to-day.

Judges' Salaries.

The General Judiciary Committee of the House this afternoon agreed to report affirmatively the Judicial Salary bill. Allegheny county Judges' are fixed at $7,000.

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Heavy Mail Robbery.

CINCINNATI, February 6.—It has just transpired that a mail bag containing letters and about $25,000 worth of bank checks and private drafts, while en route from Newport, Ky., to Cincinnati, several days ago, was opened and the contents abstracted. No clue whatever has as yet been obtained as to who committed the deed or as to the whereabouts of the missing papers. There has been a determined effort to keep the matter hushed up, and for a time it has been successful. The First National Bank of Covington had over $10,000 worth of checks in that mail, and James Taylor & Sons, bankers, a still larger amount. Among the other papers there was a gold draft on a California bank calling for five thousand dollars.

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FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, February 6, 1877.

SENATE.

Bills Reported.

Mr. ALLISON, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Indian appropriation bill, with amendments, and gave notice that he would call it up as soon as possible.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably the House bill authorizing the Commissioners of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company to buy in certain real and other property, and to sell the same at public or private sale. The bill was discussed and laid aside.

Mr. CAMERON, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported with amendments the bill recently introduced by Mr. Whyte to encourage and promote telegraphic communication between America and Europe. Placed on the calendar. The principal amendment provides that the rates charged the Government shall not exceed those charged individuals.

Mr. WINDOM, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported adversely on the House bill to provide for the payment of James B. Eads for the construction of jetties at the South Pass of the Mississippi river. Placed on the calendar with the adverse report. It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to pay out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury $500,000 to the said Eads whenever the Secretary of War shall determine that said amount is due said Eads by the terms of the contract.

Right of Way to a Railroad.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Railroads, reported favorably on the Senate bill to amend the act of June 6, 1872, granting the right of way through public lands to the Denver & Rio Grande Railway Company. Passed. It repeals the provision in the original act requiring the company to complete the road to a point on the Rio Grande as far south as Santa Fe within five years, and completes fifty miles additional south of said point in each year thereafter, and in lieu thereof allows the company ten years from the passage of the original act to complete the road to Santa Fe.

Mr. WEST said the bill wanted no subsidy, but merely granted the right of way. The bill was passed.

Arms to States.

Mr. COCKRELL reported favorably on the Senate joint resolution to amend the joint resolution of July 3, 1876, authorizing the Secretary of War to issue arms to certain States and Territories so as to issue ammunition not to exceed fifty ball cartridges for each arm. Passed.

The Legislative, Judicial and Executive Appropriation bill was received from the House of Representatives, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Fast Mails and the Franking Privilege.

Mr. HAMLIN, from the conference committee on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill establishing certain post roads, which involves the question of restoring fast mail trains and the franking privilege, reported that the committee had been unable to agree. He moved that the new conference asked for by the House of Representatives be granted. So ordered.

Arctic Explorations.

Mr. SARGENT submitted a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Navy to transmit to the Senate a narrative of the second expedition of Captain C. F. Hall to the Arctic regions, to be compiled from notes of the expedition made by Captain Hall, and purchased from his widow. Agreed to.

Pacific Railroads.

At the expiration of the morning hour the bill to amend the Pacific Railroad acts so as to provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of the indebtedness due the Government was taken up.

Mr. HITCHCOCK spoke in opposition to the bill of the Judiciary Committee.

After debate the bill was laid aside informally, with the understanding that it should be unfinished business to-morrow.

District Police Commissioners.

Mr. INGALLS said the bill abolishing the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the District of Columbia, with the President's veto, was lying on the table, the committee having recommended that it be passed notwithstanding the objection of the President thereto.

The subject was discussed at some length, and the question being: Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the President's objection thereto? it was decided in the negative—yeas 33 to 22 nays—two-thirds not voting in the affirmative.

The Senate went into executive session, and when the doors were reopened took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

HOUSE.

Deficiency Appropriation.

After the usual extension of the recess the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Deficiency Appropriation bill.

Mr. WALDRON stated that the bill appropriated $1,417,000. The largest appropriations were of $500,000 for the deficiency in the Navy Department and one of $217,000 for pensions to soldiers who have lost limbs.

Mr. WHITTHORNE offered an amendment directing the accounting officers of the Treasury to settle the accounts of the officers of the Navy on the active list whose pay has been affected by the general order of the Secretary of the Navy, No. 216, since the 1st of September, 1876, on the basis of sailing orders pay. After discussion it was adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMS, (Mo.) offered an amendment for the payment of $1,500 to Wm. D. Bliss, of St. Louis, for services as Assistant United States Attorney in the whisky cases. Adopted.

Without disposing of the bill the committee rose.

Louisiana Testimony.

Mr. JENKS offered a resolution for printing the testimony taken before the Committee on Louisiana affairs which has not been printed. Adopted.

A recess was taken till 10 A. M. to-morrow.

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1st, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 33d, 34th, 35th, 36th.

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POLITICAL.

☞ NOTICE—A SUGGESTION MEETING of the Republican Voters of the 6th ward, Pittsburgh, will be held at the Ann Street School House, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, February 7, at 7½ P. M., for the purpose of nominating Ward Officers. By order of

COMMITTEE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STATEMENT

OF THE

ETNA LIFE INSURANCE CO.

OF HARTFORD, CONN.

JANUARY 1st, 1877.

Balance per Statement, January 1, 1876, cost $21,564,433 74

RECEIPTS.

Received for Premiums in 1876	$3,587,119 83	
Received for Interest and from other sources in 1876	1,629,420 48	5,216,540 31
		$26,780,974 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Losses by Death	$1,227,237 62	
Paid for Endowment Policies	407,063 00	
Dividends paid Policy Holders and Premiums Returned	949,898 52	
Amount paid for Reinsurance	41,715 25	
Commissions, Agency and all other expenses	425,365 28	
Physicians' Fees	16,143 98	
Taxes	115,037 60	
Purchased Policies	783,413 31	3,965,774 59
		$22,815,199 46
Market Value of Securities over Cost		$ 228,428 33
Accrued Interest		154,032 46
Quarterly and Semi-Annual Premiums		134,988 70
Amount due from other Companies for Reinsurance		25,000 00
		$23,357,648 95

ASSETS.

Real Estate, Cost	$ 184,690 48
Cash on Hand and in Banks	1,080,583 75
U. S. Bonds (cost)	356,350 63
Railroad and other Stocks and Bonds, (cost)	696,262 40
Bank Stock (cost)	1,032,472 04
State, County, City and Town Bonds, (cost)	5,017,000 63
Mortgages secured by Real Estate, valued $34,081,102 00	9,743,607 64
Loans on Collaterals, (Market Value, $345,640 00)	208,031 62
Loans on Personal Security	51,371 86
Premiums (due mainly in December,) in hands of Agents in course of transmission	144,388 77
Loans on Existing Policies	3,798,115 42
Interest due Dec. 31, 1876, not delinquent	506,085 69
Interest due prior to Dec. 31, 1876	20,088 13
Interest accrued, not due	154,032 46
	686,106 28
Add Market Value of Securities over cost	228,428 33
Quarterly and Semi-Annual Premiums	134,988 70
Amount due from other Companies for Reinsurance	25,000 00
Gross Assets, Jan. 1, 1877	$23,357,648 95

LIABILITIES.

Losses due subsequent to Jan. 1st, 1877, and Losses reported awaiting further proof		$ 400,635 55
Dividends declared to Policy-holders not due		102,658 86
Capital Stock		150,000 00
Reserved for Re-Insurance on existing Policies, Actuaries, four per cent., Mass. Standard	$20,260,674.10	
Less value of Policies of Re-Insurance	101,119.50	20,159,754 60
Loaning on deferred and unpaid premiums		67,048 02
Bills Unpaid		3,241 55
All Other Liabilities		14,063 12
		20,897,401 70
Surplus by Massachusetts Standard		$ 2,460,247 25
Surplus by New York Standard		3,878,508 43
Number of Policies in force, January 1, 1877		56,987

The above exhibit is such as will gratify the friends and patrons of the Company, because, in those respects more important to them, its progress during the past year, as in preceding years, has been in the right direction.

Owing to the causes which have retarded all branches of business, and which have been especially felt in Life Insurance, the income for the past year was somewhat less than for the preceding one. There were also a large number of policies that did not contribute to the income for the reason that the entire number of premiums required to be paid under them, were completed the previous year. These policies were issued ten years since, and had become paid-up in full for the entire sum insured. Nine hundred and eighty-one policies became claims, either because of the death of the insured or maturity of the endowment. Upon many of these no premiums fell due during the year, and consequently they contributed nothing toward the income. To obtain an amount of new premiums, in these times, corresponding to those that ceased, would necessitate too great an outlay, and the business obtained at such an outlay would occasion weakness instead of strength.

While the entire income of the company for the year 1876 was $213,246.80 less than for the year 1875, the Interest receipts were $230,848.37 greater, and were nearly as much as the death losses and matured endowments paid, the Interest receipts being $1,629,420.48, the Death Losses and the Matured Endowments $1,634,300.62.

As usual with the ÆTNA, the most rigid economy has been exercised, the expenses (including dividends upon the capital) being only a fraction over eight per cent.

The total Disbursements were reduced to an amount almost corresponding with the reduction in income; thus, while the income of the Company was $213,246.80 less than for the previous year, the disbursements were also $170,011.67 less.

The Assets Dec. 31, 1876, were	$23,357,648 95
" " " 1875, "	22,092,734 32
	$ 1,264,914 63

Increase during the year, $1,264,914.63, not withstanding the payment to policy-holders of the large sum of $3,367,312.45 in return premiums, surplus, death claims and matured endowments.

In stating the Assets, we have endeavored to accurately ascertain the market value of the stocks and bonds. It appears that the market value ascertained exceeds the cost value upward of $200,000.

The Company have loans upon mortgages upon real estate to the amount of $9,743,607.04. The lands upon which these mortgages rest were appraised, when the loans were made, at $29,557,272

The buildings were appraised at 4,523,830

Total valuation of lands and buildings $34,081,102

Assuming that the property was correctly appraised when the loans were made, and admitting that a large reduction in the value of, the same may have taken place, it is hardly possible that any depreciation has occurred that would make $9,743,607, loaned upon property fairly valued at $34,081,102, insecure.

There is another test that may be applied to these securities as an evidence of their safety; we allude to the prompt payment of interest. We hold 5,791 mortgages, aggregating $9,743,607. The loans average $1,682. Of all this number of mortgage loans there are but 43 upon which any interest has become due and is unpaid. It is fair to presume that generally if the interest is promptly paid, the mortgaged premises have a greater value than the amount loaned upon them. The fact of interest being in arrears upon so small

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1877.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp 49.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 105¾.

THE investigation at the Mayor's office seems to look a little like "how not to do it."

SECRETARY MORRILL, of the Treasury Department, at Washington, is considered dangerously ill.

WELLS was on the stand again yesterday, and gave FIELD to know that he would not submit to his impertinence. The lawyer became more moderate.

JOSEPH DILWORTH, ESQ., announced yesterday, that Mr. MURPHY had agreed to accept a home in our city, and to make Pittsburgh the centre of his operations.

THE Philadelphia *Times* rather gushes when it speaks of a certain afternoon paper of this city "leading the column of reform." It doesn't lead much of anything.

WE have received a note from Doctor STARR, to the effect that the suggestions relative to the local option bill, made in these columns, a few days since have been adopted, and that there is an extremely favorable prospect that the bill will pass.

THE New York *Times* is cruel enough to say: "Given FIELD as the legal agent of Mr. TILDEN in the prosecution of the Louisiana case, and PICKETT, MADDOX, and LITTLEFIELD might all have been sketched in advance. PICKETT is FIELD modified by circumstances. Perhaps PICKETT might be more correctly described as a cross between TILDEN and FIELD. He has their fine appreciation of morality in the abstract and their contempt for it as a practical influence. He is willing to lie for a patriotic purpose, and to pocket ill gotten gains in order that he may shine as a philanthropist. MADDOX, his associate, has similar characteristics. They are model Democratic witnesses."

THE outcome of the electoral business no one can pretend to predict with certainty and accuracy, and hence we can only wait the result; but it is generally conceded that so far as the question has gone, the Republicans have very decidedly the advantage of position. As Governor HAYES put it, "it has now become a lawsuit, and we have a good case, good lawyers, a good court, and good prospects." The Republicans have successfully avoided the trap set for them in Oregon, by neither asserting that the certificate of a Governor is final, nor admitting the power of Congress to question the validity of a State return. It is the declaration of the Canvassing Boards, and not of the Governor, that is held to be final. Thus the Democrats find themselves in a quandary, and are making a desperate fight in Louisiana.

LENT begins a week from to-day,—Ash Wednesday, February 14, and ends on Easter Sunday April 1. This fast is thought by some to be in commemoration of the Savior's fast, and by others to refer to the forty years' wanderings of the Jews. Although the claim has been made that Lent was established by the Apostles, its institution is not believed to date back further than the second or third century of our era. Ash Wednesday is so called from the custom which still prevails in the Roman Catholic Church of sprinkling the head with ashes as a sign of penitence. For several days preceding Ash Wednesday the whole population in the cities of Southern Europe engage in a round of feasting and gayety, and Venice especially was formerly famous for the splendor of her carnivals. Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent, called by the French *Mardi gras*, or fat Tuesday, is an occasion of fantastic parade in many of the Southern cities of our own land. It is growing, too, in popularity, as a local custom.

THE *Post* attempts to crawfish out of its rash and false assertions in regard to Louisiana, by a series of logical statements that would have a measure of brilliancy were they not so utterly lacking in truth. The only place *said* to have been affected by a change of votes is one precinct of Verona parish. This statement is denied, the counter-affirmation being that the Democratic local officers were elected. Yet the *Post* affirms that it claimed this as a part of a general system of fraud. It did no such thing, and can point to no language used by it proving this assertion. So far from knowing that 10,000 Democratic majority could only be thrown out by fraud, we know, so far as evidence gives us to know anything, that just the contrary is true—that they were thrown out as not having been legally cast, owing to Democratic intimidation and fraud. If this is what the *Post* means, we agree; but if it means to say that Republican frauds threw out Democratic votes, we deny. It would be more manly for the *Post* to openly defend the murderers of Republicans in Louisiana than to do it by indirection, by claiming that they were the virtuous of the earth.

THE argument of WILLIAM M. EVARTS before the Arbitration Commission will rank first among the preliminary addresses before that body. He has the happy faculty of clearly stating his propositions, and of logically following them to their conclusion. His argument is considered, both in its diction, and its clear, logical views, as much superior to that of O'CONOR. The latter possibly labored under adverse influences,—it being reported that he does not believe the Democrats have a case in which any confidence can be placed. He is full of the *de facto* idea, attempting, if his argument has point, to create the impression that STEARNS and the old Returning Board were not honestly entitled to their places. There is nothing in this that is pertinent to his case, as the Electoral Commission will not go into the legality of STEARNS' election. O'CONOR, in the course of his speech, made the following statement, which will do to keep as against the Oregon case: "It seems to be virtually conceded here that the Governor's certificate is not conclusive. I have not time to say much about that. It is not required by the Constitution. It is only required by an act of Congress. The Governor cannot be compelled to give it. Many circumstances may prevent his giving it, and he may have given it under circumstances of plainly flagitious falsehood and without any election had to sanction it. He may have given his certificate to his four little boys and constituted them an electoral college, and the vote which they gave pursuant to his bidding, and by the force of his certificate, would become absolutely conclusive and binding on all the authorities of the United States who had any power to act in the premises."

IF THE Electoral Commission continues in session for awhile, and FIELD keeps up his performances, the Democratic leaders, from TILDEN down, will have established for themselves a savory reputation. The Louisiana business has about reached its crisis, and the upshot of it is that TILDEN, or some others for him, sought to buy the Returning Board, and failed. The Florida case develops the same general tactics. Although the Oregon case lacks the raciness of the Louisiana exposure, it is strikingly suggestive of the TILDEN tactics. Everywhere they were the same. Money—money—money. That was Mr. TILDEN's constant argument for establishing his title to the Presidency. Testimony before the Senate Committee proved, by a comparison of handwriting, that the "Gobble" cipher addressed to TILDEN and the PATRICK dispatch to PELTON proceeded from the same person. Both were PATRICK's, who, as may be remembered, was sent from Nebraska as TILDEN's confidential agent for securing a Democratic elector in the place of WATTS. The CORSE and MILLER dispatches to PELTON are equally significant. It is now evident that from the moment Mr. TILDEN discovered that he needed one vote, and that a chance existed of obtaining that vote from Oregon, no means were left untried to secure it. We have not only glimpses of the truth, but they tell of the corrupt use of money at every stage of the business. They are conclusive, too, as to the direct action of Mr. TILDEN in the matter. He and his nephew were the senders or the recipients of every suspicious message. They directed a base conspiracy from New York, and they transmitted money to render it successful. These are are the leaders of the new party of Reform.

THE OTHER SIDE.

We compliment the Democratic press. They were so delighted with PICKETT and MADDOX, LITTLEFIELD and SPRINGER, that their expressions of gladness grew to be rather effusive. PICKETT was a high-toned patriot, full of a sense of his responsibility toward 40,000,000 people, and determined to be a here in their behalf,—if ten per cent. commission were thrown in. MADDOX was a sympathetic patriot, who had heard that the people of New Orleans were likely to be victimized, and flew to their relief. Virtuous and high-toned, these pure-minded gentlemen were held up to the country as impressive specimens of patriotic fidelity. "Damn my interests," said one, "think of the interests of 40,000,000 people." "The widows and orphans of the South shall have my share," responsively ejaculated the other, in the spirit of self-abnegation that possessed him. Impressed with their own heroism, so to speak, these worthies struck an attitude before the country. The *Post* immediately tumbled to its knees, and rolling up the whites of its eyes, exclaimed in effect "did you ever see the like? When SAMUEL is inaugurated, Rome must canonize these saints!" The *World* was satisfied that they were the essence of purity; while the *Sun* thrust its tongue in its cheek, and declared that the truth was out at last. But the charm of this delightful romance of political heroism is slightly broken.

Governor WELLS went on the stand on Monday, very much to the disgust of FIELD, who felt that the case ought to be closed, and the testimony printed. His testimony first included the fact that he had written a letter,—or had signed one for MADDOX,—which the latter had not thought to mention. That particular letter, not being so serviceable as some others were thought to be, was conveniently forgotten by the veracious MADDOX. He had never seen it, and knew nothing of it. Thereupon he had the pleasure of listening while his wretched lies were demolished or denied, and he shown up in his true character. He was in the government service, and went to WELLS as a professed friend, applying for aid to secure a transfer of operations. Incidentally offered to be of such return service as he could, and was asked to bear a letter to Senator WEST that, had he not called, would have been mailed. No talk of bribery or money passed between them. And the letter given MADDOX, supposedly to help him along, in his own matters, was the basis of the accusation made. Of all the impudent, and unfathomable lying of which we have heard, this takes the lead. It would not be surprising, were the truth reached, if MADDOX had been sent by the Democracy as an emissary to New Orleans, to entrap the members of the Returning Board, and failing, had sought to blackmail all round. We respectfully ask the *Post* whether it does not now join us in the opinion that MADDOX, PICKETT and LITTLEFIELD are dead beats.

NEW SCHOOL LAW.

We incidentally referred, yesterday, to the new school law, proposed by Mr. HARPER, of the Central Board, by which a saving of about $50,000 can be had in the expenses of our school system, without loss of efficiency. A few trivial objections have been made to the proposed law, but these are of no weight. The plea that the law will constitute a special enactment can be alleged against all laws passed for cities of the first and second class. The idea that others than principals will demand more compensation, and that the principals, in their new *role* of Supervisors, will want more money is all provided against. One object of the bill is to save money, and just now, if those who have the chance will not serve the city for what they get, others will. As to efficiency, we are persuaded that the proposed system will increase it; while the plan of having music teachers instruct the school teachers, and they the children, is undeniably best. As the entire affair will save us yearly $50,000 without impairing the efficiency of the schools, we strongly urge that steps be taken to have it enacted into a law. We wish to say, candidly and plainly, that a financial pressure is impending over the city, such as should make us anxious to save where we reasonably can.

But we favor this measure on other and stronger grounds. We have given some attention to the educational system in operation in our city, and have been persuaded, for a long time past, that it lacked in homogeneity and discipline. Each principal, to a large extent, has been a law unto himself, and the teachers, realizing the power of combination, have kept up a sort of truce with the principals, by which each let the other alone. Their influence has been too evenly balanced to admit of either wielding sufficient authority for the purposes of discipline. The City Superintendent has been racing around, attempting to visit with a certain frequency, and to spread his influence out over the large territory now included under his control. Altogether there has been a waste of force on petty details, and but little real government, or direction. We have heard, too, that principals have frequently been found roaming the streets on school days and in school hours. There can be no doubt that our present system lacks greatly in discipline, and therefore, in efficiency. The Superintendent cannot, every few weeks, inspect in detail, each room in the several schools, and ought not to attempt to visit and inspect two or three a day. His duty should be to mature a proper and homogeneous system, both of teaching and discipline in accordance with the policy of the Central Board, and see that the principals properly give it effect, and attend to their duties. But as matters go, this is hard to be done.

The new system contemplates an entire change in this direction. It contemplates a gradation of responsibility, in place of the universal irresponsibility we now have. In place of the frequent and hurried visits of the Superintendent to the rooms, where he becomes a sub-teacher for the time being, the new system proposes to delegate supervision, fix responsibility, and establish a test whereby it may be reasonably known who are doing their duty, and who are not. On the average, each supervisor will have, say four schools, the teachers of which will be under his charge. For the efficiency of those schools he will be responsible. If the schools, as a whole, are not up to the standard, as tested by the discipline maintained, and by the ability of students to pass the High school examination, as well as in general excellence, the supervisor should be discharged, and another put in his place. And in order that he may make himself felt as a force in the administration of his charge, he is, under the proposed law, required to meet his teachers each Saturday, in what is equivalent to an Institute,—but which should embrace a more familiar interchange of views and methods for efficiency in their work.

And here the City Superintendent should be able to wield his influence. He will have but ten persons, through whom to disseminate his views; and he should be able to impress on them a uniform system of management and teaching. Thus by frequent reports, visits to the ten Saturday institutes,—one visit each quarter,—and such thorough inspection of the schools as will assure him that his wishes, and the methods agreed upon are strictly carried out, we will have, speedily much better schools than we now have. We are thoroughly convinced on this point; and therefore hope the proposed bill may become a law. Unless we are seriously mistaken there is great lack of uniform, systematic discipline in our schools as now conducted. The bill will at least provide means for remedying this, and will, in our judgment tend to elevate the standard of the ward schools. If it should result in no practical improvement, but leave the standard of efficiency just where it now is, we will still favor it for the saving effected. It is essential to the relief of the tax paying public, that the expenses of our city government should be reduced $100,000 a year. If we can have a saving of $50,000 in the school department, and yet maintain the present efficiency, we will have one-half of the amount needed saved. Then, we will be prepared to urge an inspection of other departments of the city government, where we believe the remaining $50,000 can be saved. This done, and we will be on the right road to financial relief. The reduction of interest on our debt, and other measures of financial relief will not only relieve the burthens of taxation, but put us on the way toward financial deliverance.

"THE OLDEN TIME."

Recollections of Pittsburgh Over Fifty Years Ago.

Interesting Reminiscences from Two Old Copies of the "Gazette"—Childhood of the Smoky City—The Character and Locality of its Business—Population in 1811.

Two worn and age stained copies of the Pittsburgh GAZETTE AND MANUFACTURER-ING AND MERCANTILE ADVERTISER, one bearing the date of September 7th, 1821, and the other of April 16th, 1824, have been handed to us by Mr. Wm. H. Slack. The former was edited by Morgan Neville and printed by Eichbaum & Johnston, at the corner of Market and Second streets, at two dollars per annum, and the latter by David Maclean every Friday morning on Fourth, between Market and Wood streets, at the same subscription price. Both papers contain advertisements and articles that may not prove uninteresting, particularly to those whose memories carry them back half a century or more. The merchants of those days evidently appreciated the value of newspaper advertising, because both these copies evidence a liberal patronage in that way. Then as now the recognition of the worth of the GAZETTE as an advertising medium was general. Among the advertisements, foreign and domestic, in the issue of September 7, 1821, is found an announcement of Charles M. Doughty that, in compliance with the solicitations of a number of his friends, he feels induced to offer himself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner. The unassuming phraseology of this political bid differs but little if any from that of today. John Little informs his patrons of the removal of his wholesale and retail harness and saddle manufactory from the corner of Market and Second streets to Market and Water streets. J. B. Oliver and John D. Davis advertise themselves as having been commissioned by the Governor as auctioneers, with City Treasurer Co-Day is a lineal descendant of Robert's, can best be determined by himself. Cunningham & Wilson, of Third street, dealt in bolting cloths, mill and cross cut saws, cotton yarn and wool. That was an odd mixture.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

A general commission business was transacted by Steele & Co. at the corner of Market and Water streets, in a large and elegant three story brick warehouse." Fall and winter goods were offered for sale by McClurgs & McKnight, Water St. Ladies and gentlemen's boots and shoes, wholesale and retail could be purchased at Austin Drury's, on Market street, next door to the southwest corner of the Diamond. Resler & Co. and Miller & Wilson, of Wood street, dealt in pretty much the same articles of merchandise, but their stocks of goods were such wonderful mixtures of groceries, queensware, hardware, agricultural impliements, leather, drugs, &c., that one who is only familiar with the present separateness of each branch of trade feels at a loss to give their business a name. Harmar Denny advertises for rent a three-story brick house, with a convenient store room, on Market street, next door to Second. J. Patterson & Co., proprietors of the Pittsburgh steam paper mill, publish the price-list of their writing, letter, wrapping and printing paper, and solicit rags, for which they offer per pound four cents cash or six cents in trade. A cut of an old-style coach displays Arthur McGill's advertisement of the Pittsburgh and Erie Mail Coach line. To-day a traveler can cover in five hours the distance between this city and Erie, but in 1821 the stage coach left John Davis' City Hotel, on Water street, at five o'clock on Monday evening, and arrived at Erie at five o'clock on Thursday evening, just three days' travel.

Drs. D. M. Kirkpatrick and Joel Lewis announced the dissolution of their partnership. Benjamin Darlington kept the Golden X Keys' tavern, at the corner of Fifth and Wood streets, and dealt in hardware, cutlery and saddlery on Market, between Third and Fourth streets. Henry Holdship, not the Henry of to-day, however, announces for rent a store room and dwelling on Market street, opposite the Allegheny bridge, and a warehouse on Front street.

In the advertisement of the Bank Note Exchange, corrected semi-monthly at J. Towne's exchange office, on Market, between Second and Third streets, the notes of the Bank of Pittsburgh are quoted at par, and those of the F. & M. Bank, the Pittsburgh and Greensburg turnpike, and Pittsburgh city bills at three per cent. discount; the Brownsville and Greensburg banks one per cent., and the Uniontown bank forty and fifty per cent. below par.

Luke Loomis was a book dealer on Market, between Third and Fourth streets.

AN INSOLVENT DEBTOR.

Thomas Cromwell publishes a notice to his creditors to appear in court and show cause why he should not be discharged according to the provisions of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors. John Cooper, a Second street chandler, was in trouble over a runaway indentured apprentice named Richard Clarkser, for whose apprehension the liberal reward of six cents was offered. Cooper announced that he would pay no charges, adding sarcastically that Clarkser's character and accomplishments would be fully elucidated on application. Major Wm. Anderson's name is attached to an advertisement ordering the First Battalion Pittsburgh Volunteers, furnished with thirteen rounds of blank cartridge, to appear at Butler's, on Smithfield street, on the 10th, for parade. Ten thousand prime northern muskrat skins were offered for sale by Butler & Muller, of Front street. Those disposed to risk their money in such an uncertain thing as a lottery were informed that tickets for the Maryland Grand State Lottery, which advertised $180,000 in prizes, one of which was the sum of $40,000, could be bought at Towne's Lottery and Exchange, on Market street, next door to the Bank of Pittsburgh. The price of a ticket was $9. H. Bonnet & Rouand, on Market, between Second and Third streets, were dealers in dry goods, laces, silks, notions, "real gold jewelry," shot, lead, Spanish cigars, saddles, suitings, &c. The junior member of this firm, Mr. Rouand, we have learned from a gentleman who knew him, was a very eccentric old Frenchman. He was a bachelor, Wifeless, the natural love of companionship inherent in the human breast was in him manifested in his affection for dogs and cats, of which he kept quite a number. He was an infidel. Peculiar in his social as well as religious views his personal associates consisted of a few kindred spirits, together with his canine and feline proteges. Almost every Sunday morning he could be seen wending his way toward Soho to spend the day with Mr. Tustin, one of his limited circle of esteemed friends. When he died he bequeathed his animals to Mr. Tustin, and provided for their maintenance as long as they should live by setting aside for each one an annuity of $100.

The Pittsburgh Manufacturing Association kept on hand a general assortment of the manufactures of Pittsburgh and the country west of the Allegheny mountains, prominent among which was whisky. Rosanna Winright announced moderate terms to those who would patronize her school. The last column of the paper contains the full text of an act of the General Assembly of the State laying a duty on the retailers of foreign merchandise.

THE NEWS OF THE DAY.

The news columns announce as the latest intelligence from England that great preparations were making in Liverpool and other towns to celebrate the King's coronation. They also contain a lengthy account of the funeral of Napoleon Bonaparte, at St. Helena, together with the physicians' report on the appearance of the "Little Corporal's" body on dissection. The "Independent Republican Ticket" is displayed at the head of the editorial page, as follows: Senator—John Gilmore. Assembly—Lazarus Stewart, James Logan, John Rankin and James Bredin, of Butler. Commissioner—William Lee. Coroner—Wm. Hays. Auditor—Harry Beltzhoover.

Judging from the tenor of an editorial directed to a Mr. Mowry the adherents of the opposite political faction from the one to which the GAZETTE belonged were charging hard times and laying the blame on the State administration. To refute the allegations the GAZETTE shows that wheat is low; that money is plenty; that an annual saving of $32,000 has been effected by a reduction in the salaries of public officers and members of the Legislature, and $150 a year in the single article of stitching pamphlets.

THREE YEARS LATER.

The GAZETTE of April 16, 1824, nearly three years later than the one from which the foregoing was extracted, contains a number of the same advertisements and many new ones. In this issue the Bank Note Exchange is announced as corrected semi-monthly at N. Holmes' exchange office, on Market street, possibly because Towne, the former corrector, had gone into the lottery business. Bank of Pittsburgh notes were still at par, but Pittsburgh City bills had improved, the discount on them being quoted at only one and a half per cent. Harris's Cash Store, on Market street, extolled the qualities of a few pieces of changeable sarsanets and sensaws and plaid silks. Horner & Clayland, corner of Market and Third streets, were dealers in drugs, medicines and paints. E. F. Pratt, a Wood street hair dresser, advertises for an apprentice of "good moral character, four feet eleven or twelve inches high, not too corpulent, mild, but sprightly, a lover of garlic, *clean fingered*, from twelve to fourteen years of age. A boy of this description will meet with comfortable quarters and good usage." Thompson & Torode were merchant tailors, Richard N. Rowes, a dry goods merchants, both on Market street, and Lowrie & Curtis Wood street grocers. Judging from the scarcity of their cards, lawyers were not very extensive patrons of the press, but R. J. Walker announced his removal from the clerkship of the U. S. Court and his resumption of the practice of law. M. S. Mason, A. Way & Co., and Samuel K. Page & Co. were dry goods merchants, and Chas. Avery & Co. dealers in drugs. Mr. Holmes kept a dancing academy on Second street. Robert Patterson was a bookseller, and had taken the benefit of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors. John Robinson manufactured plain, engraved and fancy cut flint glass. Doctors J. Gazzam, Loughran and Agnew courteously proffered their professional services to all who might need them, and the latter added that he hoped "he who owed him would speedily call and pay him without further invitation. Mr. Baker taught music on the piano-forte or organ for $8 a quarter, three lessons a week. Mr. J. Drocourt, J. H. Fielding and Mrs. Spencer were school teachers. John Dunlap and Nathaniel Patterson dissolved partnership on the 9th of April, 1824. Christopher Magee was a hatter and kept furs for sale. Adams, Allen & Co. manufactured machinery for spinning and weaving cotton. Bakewell, Page & Bakewell were proprietors of the Pittsburgh Flint Glass manufactory.

SERVANT BOY FOR SALE.

One of the most singular announcements in the paper under consideration is the following: "A servant boy for sale, who has about four years to serve, as an excellent farmer and a good house servant. He will be warranted as sober and honest. For terms inquire of the editor of the Pittsburgh GAZETTE." A careless perusal of the above would lead one to infer that the editor of the GAZETTE had been trafficing in human flesh, but the lad had doubtless been indentured to him, as was the custom in those days, and he was offering for sale not the services of the boy's time and whatever experience he had gained.

The local columns of the paper contain the second annual report of Mrs. E. Swift, Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Female Bible Society. Also, the text of the first common school law of Pennsylvania; it is entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the education of the poor gratis, and for laying the foundation of a general system of education throughout this Commonwealth." It was approved March 29th, 1824. The editorial comments on this bill are that "there was strong opposition to it, and much maneuvering to get rid of it, the *sly* of which consisted in the hazard of Governor Shulze's popularity, either in signing or refusing to sign it. The name of Hon. Walter Lowrie, who died recently, is attached to a letter addressed to President Monroe requesting the latter to relieve him, by making public a former letter, from aspersions that had been cast upon his character because of his protest three years previous against the appointment of Mr. Irish as United States Marshal of this district, and because of the publicity of General Jackson's written recommendation to President Monroe that he form his administration by the appointment of distinguished individuals from both the great political parties. Mr. Lowrie was cognizant of this recommendation, Jackson's letter having been read to him confidentially, but he denied emphatically having betrayed the President's confidence. At this period Hugh Davis was Marshal of this district.

With the reproduction from its columns of the following humorous little satire this antique copy of the GAZETTE will be laid aside:

"There is a time for all things, and of course a time for dalliance with the Azalea maids; And a time, too, to let the maids alone. And he who findeth perched upon his shoulders, A wrinkled forehead, silver'd hair, May well bethink him that the hour hath come, When he should scorn one more impertant matters.

Mr. Josiah Copley, whose recollection extends back previous to 1818, says that from after 1824 the GAZETTE became a daily paper.

PITTSBURGH IN 1811.

A copy of "Cramer's Pittsburgh Magazine Almanack, for the Year of Our Lord, 1811," accompanied the papers obtained from Mr. Slack. Among the matters of local interest which it contains is a brief memoir, by James Mountain, of the Rev. Robert Steele, "pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburgh." Also, an article stating that a company had been formed for the purpose of navigating the river Ohio in large boats, to be propelled by the power of steam engines, and that a boat then on the stocks was 137 feet keel. Mathew Gordon of Mifflin township, had made during the year one hundred and forty spinning wheels. A white lead manufactory, established in Pittsburgh by Anthony Beelen, was making 30,000 pounds of lead a year. The Harmony Society, which settled in Butler county in November, 1804, is the subject of a short but entertaining article.

The Almanack contains the following returns, compiled by Wm. B. Irish, Deputy Marshal, of the number of houses and the population of Pittsburgh, in 1811. Houses—Stone, 11; brick, 283; frame and log, 473. Free white males—Under ten years of age, 751; of ten years and under sixteen, 333; of sixteen and under twenty-six, 614; of twenty-six and under forty-five, 513; of forty-five and upwards, 213. Free white females—Under ten years of age, 699; of ten and under sixteen, 355; of sixteen and under twenty-six, 501; of twenty-six and under forty-five, 421; of forty-five and upwards, 156; all other free persons, except Indians, not taxed, 184. Total number of souls 4,740. The places of worship, the court-house, jail, &c., are included in the buildings.

In the list of marriages we note that Wm B. Irish was married at Brownsville, June 28, 1810, to Hannah Cadwallader; James O'Hara, at Pittsburgh, January 24, 1810, to Elizabeth Neville, daughter of Gen. P. Neville; January 25, James McKee to Miss Thomson; February 5, Magnus M. Murray to Mary Wilkins, daughter of Gen. John Wilkins; June 5th, Mr. P. Mowry to Eliza Addison, daughter of Alex. Addison; July 5th, Wm. Robinson, Jr., to Mary Parker, daughter of Capt. Alex. Parker; all of Pittsburgh.

In the necrology is noted the decease on Dec. 11, 1809, of John Wilkins, a revolutionary patriot, at the age of 77 years; at Morganza, in March, 1810, "of Col. John Morgan, a revolutionary patriot, in the 69th year of his age. He first arrived in Pittsburgh in 1765, when it was little more than an Indian village."

The foregoing is an instructive and entertaining picture of Pittsburgh as it was more than half a century ago. Its outlines and the character of its business are clearly defined, and it necessitates no stretch of the imagination for one to paint in his own mind, as well as an artist could on canvass, the then embryo city, that now, in the full strength and pride of a splendid maturity, ladens three rivers with its commerce and weights four lines of rail with the products of its manufactories and mines.

THE COURT RECORD.

Proceedings in the Several Courts Yesterday.

U. S. District Court.
JUDGE KETCHAM.

The Escanaba Furnance Company, bankrupt, and the Cascade Iron Company, bankrupt city. On petition of Andrew Kloman, order made for a meeting of creditors in above cases on the 6th prox.

F. W. Hepp, bankrupt, Crawford county. Petition for discharge presented and usual order made.

Joel S. Randall, bankrupt, Mercer county. Assignee's report of sale of personal property presented and confirmed *nisi*; also, order for sale of certain claims and debts.

Jamestown Machine Works, bankrupts, Mercer county. Order for sale of certain book accounts.

H. A. Freyvogle, bankrupt, city. Leave granted bankrupt to foreclose certain mortgages.

Geo. H. Garber, bankrupt, city. Resolution of composition ordered to be made binding on all creditors.

In the matter of the petition of Herman Niehaus, for an adjudication in bankruptcy of himself and A. L. Niehaus, his copartner, an order was granted on said A. L. Niehaus to show cause why he should not be adjudged a bankrupt, returnable on the 15th inst.

Ewart, Blackstone & Co., bankrupts, Mercer county. Order made for a meeting of the creditors on the 28th inst., before Register Rogers.

Thos. D. Adams, bankrupt, Venango county. Assignee's report of sale of certain property, confirmed *nisi*.

Andrew Beye and Charles Beye, bankrupts, Venango county. Order of reference to Register Rogers, to ascertain whether illegal interest is included in certain judgments against bankrupts, and what amount of attorney's commission is included in said judgments, and to ascertain and liquidate certain specifications, claims, &c.

Mellor, Baines & Mellor, et al. creditors, vs. Caroline Lazarus, otherwise M. C. Lazarus, Luzerne county, debtor. Said debtor adjudged a bankrupt, and the matter referred to Register Willard.

John Dingman, bankrupt, Erie. Register's report adjusting liens confirmed absolutely.

Carrier & Baum, bankrupts, city. Order directing assignee to file bonds.

Common Pleas No. 1.
JUDGES STERRETT AND COLLIER.

Culmer Spring Co. vs. Jas. D. Kelly. Preliminary injunction granted.

Levi Edmundson vs. John Penney; action in ejectment (previously reported). On trial.

J. McLaudenberg vs. S. B. Floyd & Co. (previously reported). Verdict for plaintiff in sum of $219.

S. Trauerman vs. the Brewers' Insurance Co.; action to recover an insurance policy. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Jones vs. Point Bridge Co.
Lloyd vs. Seibeneck.
Chettle vs Oinhausen.
Maley vs Castle Shannon R. R. Co.
Hahn vs. Good.
Ihmsen vs. Ledlie.
Biggert vs. City of Pittsburgh.
Park Savings Bank vs. Burchfield.
Rigdon et al. vs. Hanlon.
Campbell vs. Erdner.
Vick et al. vs. The Hildise Bund.
The Howe Machine Co. vs. Fuller.
Atkinson vs. Tomlinson.

Common Pleas No. 2.
JUDGES KIRKPATRICK AND WHITE.

Shields vs. Bowers et al. (previously reported). Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $268.

Duncan vs. Ralya & Robertson. On trial.

Patterson vs. Pickert & Co.; action on account. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $210.96.

Pingen vs. Wilhelm; action on a note. On trial.

On motion of Geo. R. Cochran, Esq., Hon. Chas. McCandless, of Butler county, was admitted specially to try the case of Pingen vs. Wilhelm.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Walker vs. Anderson.
City of Pittsburgh vs. Patterson.
Hare vs. Darlington.
Martin vs. P. R. R. Co.
Snyder vs. Heath.
Eaton vs. Clemmens & Co.
Cluley vs. Phillips.
Nolte vs. German B. & L. Association.
Billib et ux. vs. Castle Shannon Railroad Co.
Birmingham Oil Co. vs. Seaton.
Demorest et ux. vs. Norris et ux.
Point Bridge Co. vs. Stacey.
Bassett & Brown vs. Baird.
Horn vs. Luty.

Criminal Court.
JUDGE STOWE.

Commonwealth vs. Jas. Kelso, indicted for larceny. Verdict of not guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Lewis Haney, an alderman of McKeesport, indicted for misdemeanor in office in refusing a transcript. Verdict of not guilty.

Commonwealth vs. J. H. Albee, indicted for false pretense. Verdict of not guilty.

Commonwealth vs. W. Phillips, indicted for perjury. *Nolle pros.* allowed.

Commonwealth vs. James and Elizabeth Quinn, indicted for the larceny of a $100 bill from Henry Villhauer, the prosecutor. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Commonwealth vs.
R. M. Elliott, Pat. Dougherty,
H. Kimball, John Roleman,
L. S. Hibbs, M. Koch,
John Kelly, Jas. Fleming,
R. Thompson, Jackson Kemp,
Geo. Harlie, Wm. Armstrong,
C. C. Martin, H. A. Gibbon,
John Schultz, Dan'l Jackson, et al.
G. Reynolds, William Thompson,
M. Krall, Reuben Roger,
R. W. Berkstresser.

JUST A FEW WORDS.

Just a few words, but they binded
The brightness all out of a day;
Just a few words, but they lifted
The shadows and cast them away.

Only a frown, but it dampened
The cheer of a dear little heart;
Only a smile, but its sweetness
Check'd tears that were ready to start.

Oh that the rules of our living
More like to the golden would be!
Much, oh! so much more of sunshine
Would go out from you and from me.
—*Georgiana Nourse.*

—The sky is commonly believed to be a long way off, but it is said that Gail Hamilton sometimes carries her pretty nose as if she could reach clear over it, and were scenting something on the other side.

—"The times are hard and things look blue,"
Said Blinks to Brown, the other day,
"That's just azure inclined to view
The times," said Brown, in a merry way.

—Florence left San Francisco with $20,000 gold, the clear profit of a four weeks' engagement at McCullough's California theatre. He is now in Salt Lake City.

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New Shades in Plain Poplins.

IN
New Shirting and Dark Calicos.
New Shirting and Dark Costumes.
New Light and Fancy Percales.

IN
New Plain Hosiery, in new shades.
New Fancy Hosiery, in entirely new styles.
New British and Fancy Half Hose.

IN
New Novelties in Neck Ruchings.
New Novelties in Ruffs and Collorettes.
New Novelties in Swiss and Lace Ties.

New street colors in Plain Alpacas.
New Basket Cloth Suitings.
New and Beautiful Brocades.

New fine Shirting Muslins.
New heavy Sheeting Muslins.
New Twilled and Linen Sheetings.

New Unlaundried Shirts, unequalled value.
New White Dress Shirts at bargains.
New Calico and Percale Shirts.

New Novelties in White Linen Sets.
New Novelties in Embroidered Sets.
New Novelties in Fancy Linen Sets.

New Spring Colors in Cashmeres.
New Black Cashmeres.
New Black Alpacas and Mohairs.

New Checks and Shirtings.
New Ginghams, foreign and imported.
New Ticks and Furniture Chintzes.

New Medium Weight Underwear.
New Silk Handkerchiefs, for Gents.
New Linen Handkerchiefs, extra bargains.

New Novelties in Lace Neckties.
New Novelties in Silk Neckties.
New Novelties in Fancy Bows and Scarfs.

New Fancy Cassimeres and Cloths.
New Light Fancy Flannels.
New Sacquings and Cloakings.

New Madder and Turkey Red Tablings.
New Variegated Turkey Red Tablings.
New pink, red, buff, green Damask Cloths.

New Bows and Fancy Neckties for Gents.
New Collars and Cuffs.
New Suspenders, Gloves, &c.

New Shades in Ribbons, all widths to match.
New Fancy Sash Ribbons.
New Plain Sash Ribbons, all colors.

New plain, Corded, Striped and Figured P. K's.
New plain, Barred and Striped Nainsooks.
New plain, Barred and Striped Jaconets.

New Plain and Colored Napkins.
White Napkins, slightly imperfect, very cheap.
New short lengths Irish Linens, half price.

New shades in Dress Buttons.
New Fancy Metal and Wood Buttons.
New Fancy Notions, &c.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1877.

The events of yesterday in financial circles did not differ materially from the day previous. The demand was light and easily met. There is, however, a hopeful, confident feeling in banking and business circles, that all will be well through the gradual revival of business from this time on. The history of all business crises or panics which have occurred in this country shows that their effects were not above four years' duration. We are now well into the fourth year since the panic of 1873, and by all signs and tokens it should have about spent its force. There is no unreasonableness in supposing that the same great general principles which governed in former periods of depression, will govern now. The winter has been and is dull, but there is no sufficient reason why the ebbing tide of business should not be turned by the time spring fairly opens. Besides the great wealth of our country in fixed forms, there is an ample supply of loanable capital to put in active motion all the industrial forces of our whole people. The supply of loanable funds is on the increase, the halt in business closing many avenues of demand, and money is readily obtained on first-class security, but negotiations on any other basis are attended with difficulty. As the busy season has not yet set in, we can hardly expect an increased demand for money; the requirements of the mercantile community will necessarily be light. Rates irregular and moderate.

THE REDEMPTION BUREAU.

The Comptroller of the Currency makes the following statement, showing the issue and retirement of national bank notes and legal-tender notes under acts of June 20, 1874, and January 14, 1875, to February 20, 1877. The bank notes outstanding when the act of June 20, 1874, was passed, $349,-894,182; issued from June 20, 1874, to January 14, 1875, $4,734,500; redeemed and retired between the same dates, $2,767,232; increase from June 20, 1874, to January 14, 1875, $1,967,268; outstanding January 14, 1875, $351,861,450; redeemed and retired from January 14, 1875, to date, $40,536,301; surrendered between the same dates, $7,361,-456; total redeemed and surrendered $54,-197,757; issued between the same dates, $24,268,985; decrease from January 14, 1875, to date, $32,928,772; national bank notes outstanding at date, $318,932,678; greenbacks on deposit in the Treasury June 20, 1874, to retire notes of insolvent and liquidating banks, $3,813,675; greenbacks deposited from June 20, 1874, to date, to retire national bank notes, $63,848,604; total deposits, $67,762,-279; circulation redeemed by Treasurer between the same dates without reissue, $49,-603,533; greenbacks on deposit at date, $16,158,746; greenbacks retired under the act of January 14, 1875, $17,015,188; greenbacks outstanding at date, $364,984,812.

TRADE DOLLARS.

German financiers are talking of coining a new trade dollar. Within the next three years the Government will have to coin over fifteen millions sterling of coin of great fineness, and the theory is that it will be advantageous to make the trade dollars of the same degree of fineness, so that they will be taken in the East Indies and China in preference to coins of a lower standard. The *Economist* says that the new coin will be 905-1000 fine, with a mint charge of ¾ per cent., while the American trade dollar is only 900-1000 fine, with a mint charge of 1¼ per cent. It will be an enormous job to crowd out the American trade dollars which San Francisco has been pouring into the coffers of China, Japan and India. Will the merchants now pay for their tea and spices by telegraphing to San Francisco orders for the shipment of American silver. The delay caused by the shipment of silver directly from Germany, and the enormous scale on which the new trade dollar will have to be introduced, render the success of the experiment problematical.

NEW YORK SAVINGS BANKS.

The January reports of the savings banks show that the distrust occasioned by the failures of the past year or two has not yet worn off. In many cases, and even in some cases of banks whose soundness is far beyond question, the amount of money withdrawn during the past year considerably exceeds the amount deposited. Part of this disparity may be due to the fact that many of the working classes have been without employment, and have been compelled to withdraw the whole or a part of their savings, but it is undoubtedly mainly the result of that sense of insecurity which makes all banks pay dearly for the sins of some. As business revives, confidence and deposits will come back together.—*New York Tribune*

MONEY IN GERMANY.

The return of the Imperial Bank of Germany for the week ended January 15 still indicates that money is in but small demand. There is a decrease of £1,595,400 in the discounts, and of £138,300 in the advances on stock. Notes in circulation have fallen off the same time £1,962,100, while cash in hand has increased £922,900. The other changes are of minor importance, if we except an increase of £416,500 in the item sundry debtors, and of £397,100 in that of sundry creditors.

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	108¾	5-2's 1868-coupons	116¾
U. S. 6's 1861, coup	114¾	10-40's (regist'd)	111⅞
" 1865	114¾	Currency 6's	123½
" 1865 new	110¾	New 5 per cents	111¾
6-20's 1867	113⅝	13-40's coupons	111⅝

ALL WANTED.

N. Y. Central	101¾	Ohio & Mis is Sppi	6¾
Erie	9½	Union Pacific	67
I. C. & L. C.	2	Wabash,	7
C. C. & I. C.	2¾	Harlem	140
St. Paul	18¾	Adams Express	104
Do. Pref	40¾	Wells, Fargo & Co	89½
Lake Shore	64¾	U. S. Express	52¾
Del. Central	46¾	W. Fargo & Co. Ex	83½
Northwestern com.	34¾	Quicksilver	14¾
Do. Pref	55¾	Fort Wayne	101
Rock Island	101¾	Hannibal & St. Jo.	11½
Chicago & Alton	79	Panama	125
Pacific Mail	25¾	Iron Mountain	10
Western Union Tel.	73¾	N. J. Central	95¾
Delaware, L. & W.	99¾	Del. & Hudson	99¾

Robinson Bros furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board.

P. R. R.	(S) 45¾	Con. Trans (B)	28¾
Reading (S)	14	Empire Co. (A	80
U. Cos. of N. J. (B)	139	A. V. R. R. 7.39 (A)	105
Oil Creek (S)	7¾	C. & St. L. 7's (A	89
Lehigh Valley (S)	47¾	N. Pacific bonds (S	13

NEW YORK, February 6, 1877.

Money was easy at 3@5; prime mercantile paper 6@6. The customs receipts were $329,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $282,000. The clearings were $33,000,000. Sterling was quiet at 484½@486. Gold opened and closed at 105¾@106. Gold opened and closed at 105¾@106. Gold opened and closed at 105¾@106

HOME NEWS.

Warmer, southwest winds, falling barometer, clear or partly cloudy weather, are indicated for to-day.

Suicide at Parker City.

John H. Wyatt, ticket agent at Parker City of the Parker & Karns City railroad, committed suicide on Monday by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. The ball went clean through his cranium. The inquest developed the fact that whisky and domestic trouble were the causes that led to the act. Deceased's wife and child are living at Rochester, Pa.

The California Suicide.

Yesterday's GAZETTE contained a brief dispatch from California, Pa., announcing the suicide at that place of Clara B. Laird, of Allegheny. It was yesterday ascertained that Miss Laird was the adopted daughter of Dr. D. W. Riggs, of Allegheny. She was attending the Normal School at California at the time of her death. She was handsome and intelligent, and liked by all who knew her. No cause for the act is known.

Attempted Suicide.

Yesterday afternoon a man named Thomas Jackson, while in Boley's cellar, in the Diamond, attempted to take his own life by cutting his throat with a razor. He was discovered in time to prevent him from accomplishing his object, although he had already inflicted several severe wounds upon himself. He was taken in charge by an officer and locked up in the Central Station. After being taken there he refused to tell what he had done with the razor, insisting that he had none. Upon searching him it was found in his boot. He would give no particulars of himself, but he looks like a countryman. He was not intoxicated.

Since the above was written it has been ascertained that he lives about thirteen miles out the Washington pike.

To Those Interested in Life Insurance.

It is apparent that something more is required of life insurance companies than the usual exhibit of receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities, and it is the duty of each company to prove, as far as possible, that it is worthy of public confidence. Believing that life insurance is a good thing for the public, and that there is a choice in companies, we take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the detailed statement of the Ætna Life Insurance Co., to be found in another column, and bespeak for it a careful examination. We call attention specially to the fact that the receipts from interest alone pay all the losses by death, with a balance over of $402,186.00, which is nearly sufficient to pay all the expense of management; also to the care with which the financial business of the company is managed as evidenced by the fact that out of 5,791 mortgages held by the company the interest on but 43 is due and unpaid, and including these, the total amount of interest due the company upon all its assets is but $25,988. The large sum held by the company being $2,460,247.25, by the Massachusetts standard of 4 per cent. reserve, or by the New York standard of 4½ per cent., $3,878,808.43, makes the policy holders secure beyond question. To illustrate, take the present assets of the company, $23,357,648 95, at 4 per cent. interest and in 25 years the sum would be $62,266,820 57 and at 6 per cent. would amount to $100,949,693.22, the difference, about thirty-eight millions, is surplus, on the side of strength and safety, and can be used to reduce future payments. We would also call attention to the laws of Connecticut, which exercises a strict and careful supervision of the securities and management of the Life Insurance Companies of that State.

This company has been represented in this city by D. P. Chapman for the last 12 years. Office corner of Market street and Fourth avenue.

THE ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Exhibition of Cartoons Last Night.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Artists' Association, held at the School of Design last night, a number of cartoons were exhibited. These sketches were somewhat more elaborate than those which have been exhibited at the weekly meetings, and exhibited more care in finish. Among them was "Ah! Hone," a crayon picture, by Mr. Hugh Newell. It was a figure of a young man reposing in a rocking chair, and taking his ease royally while he read.

"Over the Dead Line!" was a sketch by Mr. John Donagby. It represented three Federal officers escaping from Camp Sorghum, South Carolina. The officers were rushing through a line of sentinels, one of whom was firing on them and another taking aim. It was a scene drawn from the artists memory of an actual occurrence in which he was a participant.

Mr. W. W. Charles exhibited a scene from Elaine. It was an elaborately finished drawing in sepia, and displayed a thorough knowledge of the costumes of the past.

"A Marriage Ceremony Interrupted," by Mr. M. B. Leisser, was a whole romance in itself. The would-be bridegroom was overwhelmed by the appearance of a woman and baby, in ragged apparel, and by the violent gesticulations of the former bride and her father, who was taking her away from him. In the background were seen figures struggling in frantic action. Miss Olive Turney gave a scene from "The Raven," in which the hero of the poem was seated in his study—"in fancy thinking." The Raven did not make its appearance. Miss Turney represented the lover of "the lost Lenore" as a very attractive looking youth.

Mr. B. Andriessen showed a water color entitled "In the Woods." Miss Agnes Way's contribution was a picture of a demure maiden having her fortune told by a wandering Gypsy. Mr. W. Walton's picture of "Meditation" was that of a young girl apparently deep in the fascination of a day-dream. Miss Annie Henderson exhibited "A Reverie," represented by a young man lounging the hours away, and palming his idleness off as a poetic reverie. Miss Rachel Henderson contributed a landscape drawing. Miss Juliet Briggs displayed a comic drawing. "Sugar, if you please," said a young colored girl, of the Topsy type, as she stood on a chair to reach up to the sugar bowl.

"The Morning News" was represented by Edith Ferguson in a picture of an old farmer, seated on his porch under the vines, enjoying the newspaper. Mr. J. M. Reinhart showed a sketch representing the burial of Abraham in the cave of Machpelah. Mr. W. C. Armor touched up a barnyard scene, in which horses and cattle prominently figured. Mrs. Marshall showed a design for wood carving,—a clock face,—on which leaves and flowers were grouped artistically.

THE GOOD CAUSE.

John B. Gough at Library Hall—A Grand Ovation.

The grand reception tendered Mr. John B. Gough, the acknowledged champion of total abstinence in the world, was sufficient of its self to compensate a man for years of toil; notwithstanding Mr. Gough has always been a great favorite, and has had hosts of admirers in this city, on each former occasion, he has been such an ovation tendered him. The spacious auditorium of Library Hall was filled until there was not standing room, and hundreds were informed were turned away, being unable to gain admission. Mr. G. has lost none of the fire and brilliancy of former days, but has rather improved in oratory, but there is a very perceptible change in his voice. It lacks that richness and fullness of tone and flexibility of his earlier days, but the same old magnetic influence is there still.

Mr. Gough was introduced to the audience last evening by Mr. Murphy in a brief but exceedingly appropriate address, which elicited the applause of the vast audience.

Mr. Gough informed his audience at the beginning of his lecture that twenty-seven years ago this month he was detained in this city by ice on the Ohio river, and some of the temperance people discovering his presence here he was induced to speak on temperance, and during that stay he spoke seventeen times for the cause, and he now appeared before them to discuss the same old theme. In reference to the movement here he said he learned of it in Chicago, and at every point he had visited since its inception, and it made his heart glad to hear of so grand a work being accomplished. Mr. Murphy, he said, had unquestionably adopted the correct system, and while he was in favor of using every means in his power, both moral and legal, to stop the traffic in intoxicants, he was certain the men in this movement that if any man attempted to introduce anything in it calculated to injure it for the accomplishment of his own personal ends, to throw him out at once, and let the good work go on without hindrance. In reference to the permanency of the work in progress here he said a reaction was expected—there were always reactions in all popular movements—but the reaction in this as in all other social reforms, was only as the receding of the wave to gather renewed force. It would return again with increased power, and would spread throughout the land. There is, he said, but one hope for the permanent reformation of the drunkard. He must look to Him who is able to save to the uttermost. The Washingtonian movement, he said, could contribute its movement, he said, could contribute its down fall to its failure to recognize this fact. The men comprising it were too self reliant. They said they wanted no religion other than temperance, and no Bible other than the pledge, and the result was that four out of every six connected with the movement returned to their old habits and two out of the five died drunkards.

Boston Brown Bread, fresh twice a week, at 18 Fifth avenue.

Troubadours.

Sale of seats begins this morning at Library Hall.

THE INVESTIGATION.

Conclusion of the Hearing in the case of Roger O'Mara—Nothing Further of Importance Elicited—Arguments of the Counsel—Decision Reserved.

At nine o'clock yesterday morning the trial of Roger O'Mara and the investigation of the police troubles, was resumed. The first witness sworn was Detective James Scott, who testified to his efforts with others to ascertain the perpetrators of the Boggs & Buhl burglary, and that the arrest of Ferguson & Ellis was made by Lieutenant Mike Harrison and officers Motts and McTighe. Lieutenant Harrison testified that he, McTighe and Motts were sworn to secrecy by the Mayor and ordered to change their clothes before making the arrest, which was made on the order of the Mayor. The object of secrecy was simply to make things sure for the arrest. Mrs. McCauley said she knew nothing of a pledge of silk being left at her house for piece of silk being left at her house for piece of silk being left at her house for piece